



1 Void Claims 18 - 37 and substitute the following:

3 What is claimed is:

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5 38. A balloon display comprising:

- 6 A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures and
7 B. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially
8 inflated including:

- 9 (1) a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one
10 inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is
11 circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least
12 one framework that defines an aperture; and
13 (2) a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least
14 one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set
15 is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at
16 least one framework that defines an aperture;
17 (3) said first set and said second set being held within their
18 respective apertures by positioning means; said
19 positioning means including positioning means selected
20 from the group consisting of:
21 B. at least one connector member joined by fastening
22 means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at
23 least one framework;
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- 1 C. at least one connector member joined by fastening
2 means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at
3 least one said second set of inflatable chambers;
4 D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable
5 chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of
6 said at least one framework; said adhesive not
7 including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user
8 to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;
9 E. At least one area of surface that has been configured
10 to increase resistance to movement between it and a
11 contacting surface is included in surface contact
12 between said set of inflatable chambers and
13 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;
14 F. At least one member of the pair comprising;
15 1- said set of inflatable chambers and
16 2- circumscribing portion of said at least one
17 framework
18 being configured in multiple planes to conform to the
19 shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of
20 said pair;
21 G. At least one area of said portion of at least one
22 framework that defines an aperture incorporates
23 resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the
24 framework against said set of inflatable chambers.
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2 39. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising said at
3 least one connector member extending through at least one aperture
4 in circumscribing portion of said at least one framework.

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6 40. The balloon display as recited in claim 39. further comprising at least
7 one break or gap in the material defining said at least one aperture in
8 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said break or
9 gap being configured such that some portion of said connector
10 member may be inserted into said aperture through said break or gap.

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12 41. The balloon display as recited in claim 40. further comprising said
13 break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant
14 to said connector member exiting said aperture through said break or
15 gap.

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17 42. The balloon display as recited in claim 38. further comprising
18 said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem,
19 tab, protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of
20 inflatable chambers.

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22 43. A balloon display comprising:

23 A. At least one framework with a plurality of apertures;

24 B. At least one of said plurality of apertures being formed of
25 framing elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and

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1 C. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially
2 inflated comprising:

3 (1) a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one
4 inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is
5 circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least
6 one framework that defines an aperture; and

7 (2) a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least
8 one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set
9 is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at
10 least one framework that defines an aperture;

11 (3) said first set and said second set being held within their
12 respective apertures by positioning means; said
13 positioning means including positioning means selected
14 from the group consisting of:

15 A. at least one connector member joined by fastening
16 means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at
17 least one framework;

18 B. at least one connector member joined by fastening
19 means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at
20 least one said second set of inflatable chambers;

21 C. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable
22 chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of
23 said at least one framework; said adhesive not
24 including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user
25 to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;
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1 D. At least one area of surface that has been configured
2 to increase resistance to movement between it and a
3 contacting surface is included in surface contact
4 between said set of inflatable chambers and
5 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

6 E. At least one member of the pair comprising;

7 1- said set of inflatable chambers and

8 2- circumscribing portion of said at least one
9 framework

10 being configured in multiple planes to conform to the
11 shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of
12 said pair;

13 F. At least one area of said portion of at least one
14 framework that defines an aperture incorporates
15 resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the
16 framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

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18 44. The balloon display as recited in claim 43. further comprising

19 A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed
20 edges comprising

21 1. at least one end edge and

22 2. at least two side edges and

23 3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges

24 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed
25 by a notch that is on an opposing side edge;

- 1 B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
- 2 attached to at least one first framing element and
- 3 C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
- 4 attached to at least one second framing element and
- 5 D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing
- 6 element being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to
- 7 said at least one second framing element such that notches of
- 8 wrapped tabs fit together

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10 ~~48.~~ The balloon display as recited in claim 43 further comprising at least

11 two said interlocking tabs including

- 12 A. at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one
- 13 first framing element and having within its borders an aperture;
- 14 and
- 15 B. at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least
- 16 one second framing element and having a bulbous end or
- 17 protrusion;
- 18 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and
- 19 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said
- 20 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture

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22 ~~45.~~ A balloon display comprising:

- 23 A. At least two frameworks with a plurality of apertures and
- 24 B. A plurality of inflatable chambers that are at least partially
- 25 inflated comprising:

1. a first set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said first set is circumscribed by at least a first portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture; and
2. a second set of inflatable chambers comprising at least one inflatable chamber positioned so that said second set is circumscribed by at least a second portion of said at least one framework that defines an aperture;
3. said first set and said second set being held within their respective apertures by positioning means; said positioning means including positioning means selected from the group consisting of:
 - B. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said set of inflatable chambers and to said at least one framework;
 - C. at least one connector member joined by fastening means to said first set of inflatable chambers and to at least one said second set of inflatable chambers;
 - D. adhesive that is in contact with said set of inflatable chambers and in contact with circumscribing portion of said at least one framework; said adhesive not including adhesive that is spray applied by an end user to an overlapping cut expandable matrix framework;
 - E. At least one area of surface that has been configured to increase resistance to movement between it and a contacting surface is included in surface contact

1 between said set of inflatable chambers and
2 circumscribing portion of said at least one framework;

3 F. At least one member of the pair comprising;

4 1- said set of inflatable chambers and

5 2- circumscribing portion of said at least one
6 framework

7 being configured in multiple planes to conform to the
8 shape of adjacent portion/s of said other member of
9 said pair;

10 G. At least one area of said portion of at least one
11 framework that defines an aperture incorporates
12 resilient, deformable matter that tightens the fit of the
13 framework against said set of inflatable chambers.

14 C. Said at least two frameworks being connected with connection
15 means; said connection means including connection means
16 selected from the group consisting of:

17 1. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is
18 circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that
19 defines an aperture is also circumscribed by at least one
20 portion of at least one other framework that defines an
21 aperture;

22 2. at least one said set of inflatable chambers that is
23 circumscribed by a portion of at least one framework that
24 defines an aperture is connected by connection means to
25 at least one other inflatable chamber that is circumscribed

1 by a portion of at least one other framework that defines
2 an aperture;

3 3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion
4 of said at least one set of inflatable chambers is
5 connected by fastening means to said at least two
6 frameworks;

7 4. at least one tab extension on at least one framework
8 connects by fastening means to at least one other
9 framework;

10 5. at least one tab extension on at least one framework
11 connects by fastening means to at least one tab
12 extension on at least one other framework.

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15 ⁴⁷~~46~~. The balloon display as recited in claim ⁴⁶~~45~~. further comprising

16 A. at least two said tabs with at least three exposed edges
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18 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and

19 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges

20 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by
21 a notch that is on an opposing side edge

22 B. at least one of said at least two said tabs being attached to at
23 least one first frame and

24 C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being
25 attached to at least one second frame and

1 D. said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first frame
2 being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at
3 least one second frame such that notches of wrapped tabs fit
4 together

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6 47. The balloon display as recited in claim 45 further comprising
7 interlocking tabs that connect said at least two frameworks

8 A. at least two of said interlocking tabs having at least three
9 exposed edges comprising

10 1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and

11 2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges

12 including at least one notch that is preceded and followed
13 by a notch that is on an opposing side edge

14 B. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least
15 one first frame and

16 C. at least one of said interlocking tabs being attached to at least
17 one second frame and

18 D. said interlocking tab attached to said first frame being wrapped
19 around said interlocking tab attached to said second frame such
20 that notches in one interlocking tab fit into notches of other
21 interlocking tab.

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23 48. The balloon display as recited in claim 45 further comprising
24 interlocking tabs including a set of at least two interlocking tabs

25 A. the first being attached to at least one first frame and has
26 within its borders an aperture; and

B. the second being attached to at least one second frame and having a bulbous end or protrusion; and

C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and

D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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49. The balloon display as recited in claim 45 further comprising
interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches
and/or slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at
predetermined intervals.

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50. The balloon display as recited in claim 45⁴⁶ further comprising a portion of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping portions of said at least two frameworks.